

REMARKS

The present amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated October 4, 2006, which set a three-month period for response, making this amendment due by January 4, 2007.

Claims 1-5 are pending in this application.

In the Office Action, the specification was objected to for various informalities. Claims 1-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 1-3 and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,384,770 to Gouy et al.

The Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claim 4, if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims and to address the rejection under Section 112, second paragraph.

In the present amendment, the specification was amended to add a cross reference to the related priority document, to add standard headings, and to delete reference to the claims.

In light of the allowance of claim 4, claim 1 was amended to add the limitations of allowable claim 4, which was canceled. Claim 1 was amended further to address the rejection under Section 112, second paragraph, as was claim 5. New claim 6 includes the limitation that the measuring device is a laser measuring device.

Since amended claim 1 now includes the limitations of allowable claim 4 and was amended to address the rejection under Section 112, the Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 now stands in condition for allowance, as do remaining dependent claims 2-3 and 5-6.

Allowance of the present application is respectfully requested. If any further issues remain to be resolved, the undersigned attorney for the Applicants would welcome a telephone call to resolve those matters and move the application toward allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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